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POLLY LARKIN

"Did you ever answer any of those advertisements in the matrimonial part of the daily papers?" asked a pretty young girl of her friend whom she was chatting with on the street cars, the other day. Her hands were full of Christmas parcels and a telescope basket she carried, was bulging with the same precious and mysterious packages destined to make some one happy. She looked like she had too much good common sense to indulge in anything so risky as answering matrimonial advertisments. "You don't know how much fun you are missing," she said in response to her friend's negative reply to her question. "I have answered four this week. Here they are," she said, producing the advertisements from her pocket. "This one is a regular sea guy. I'll read it to you:" 'A man of excellent character, fifty-five, young-looking and considered fine-looking. Dark, hair, dark brown and expressive eyes; has good home, and some money, wants a good-looking young lady for a wife. Must be between twenty-five and thirty, blonde preferred but would not object to auburn hair and brown eyes, or deep violet eyes. Must not be a spendthrift and satisfied to make home comfortable. Monthly allowance for housekeeping expenses and pin money. The sum not to be increased as the amount I will allow ought to do for any woman to make a good appearance on and keep up the house comfortably but not extravagantly. Answer, sending picture. No triflers.' I answered that old guy and I sent him Cousin Nell's picture. There'll be trouble if she ever finds it out for she would just as soon think of putting her head in the fire as to do anything of this kind; she is so very nice and precise. I'll show you the answers I receive.

"Listen at this one: 'Man of splendid physique, tall, broad-shouldered, eyes gray, so dark that at times they are taken for black. Ruddy complexion, dark brown hair inclined to be curly, sings well—having a good bass voice. Is fond of music and amusements; habits are of the best and punctuality one of best traits. In fact, so well has this latter trait been cultivated that people along his route from his boarding-place to his business set their clocks by his going and coming. He wants to correspond with a young lady of means, who would appreciate a kind and loving husband, and would not object to furnishing part of her own means should his business require extra funds. Young lady must be musical, pretty and good-tempered, would prefer a brunette but should any young lady not over twenty-five possessing the money and other requirements answer, her letter would be answered with a view to further correspondence.' Now, what do you think of that?

"Here's an old fellow sixty years old who has retired from active business life, who is lonely and wants a wife to cheer his home and make life worth living. He doesn't ask that the young lady be wealthy like the most of them. He has apparently an abundance of this world's goods, and wants a refined and intelligent young lady for a wife. He has a nice home you see, servants and I suppose a carriage and horses and maybe an automobile, who knows. He says he is generous and wealthy, that sounds all right. I answered that and sent my own picture Wrote it four times before it suited me Sent my own picture with this one. I have just studied it all out—this problem of life I mean, and I would rather be an old man's darling, providing he is rich, than a poor man's slave. Hope he will prove all I am dreaming he is.

"Here is another man advertising for a young lady with aa amiable disposition, accomplished and refined, who is wealthy enough to make a home for him here and give him a start in business, or poor enough to consent to go to South Africa with him and assist in making a fortune there, with the promise that when they have money enough that they will return to California to live. I answered that, too, in my very best style. You know I have always wanted to travel and I believe here is my opportunity. So glad I met you to-day and wasn't it nice that we had the car almost to ourselves, so we could have this little confidential chat. Remember I have confided in you and told you things I wouldn't dare tell any member of my family. It's lots of fun answering these advertisements and you ought to try it, for there is not one mite of harm in it. None of them know who you are, and as you just give them an assumed name, or else just your postoffice box. I've hired one just for the time being so the folks at home won't find out anything about it. They would put a stop to it in a minute They will be astonished, however, if sometime I march in a future son-in-law on them"

She got off at the next crossing and left the girl she had been talking to, doing some hard thinking. It might be very amusing for a time to carry on this secret correspondence with some of the advertisers, but would it pay to run the risk? You could almost read what was going on in her mind, and you didn't have to be a mind-reader either. Foolish girls, they could have learned their lesson from the moths fluttering around the bright flame of the candle. Tempting baits were some of these advertisements to girls who are tired of what they term the humdrum life of every day existence. I know of two girls who answered advertisements of this kind. One of them, the only daughter of the household and idolized by her parents and four big brothers who would have sacrificed anything for the pleasure of their little sister. When she announced that she was to wed a man whom she had never seen but with whom she had been corresponding with for months, the whole family was grief-stricken. Nothing would turn her from her decision, so they finally made the most of it. He arrived at her home from the East and a big wedding followed. To-day she is a divorced woman supporting her family by running a small bakery. The girl who had never done a stroke of work in all her young life, has had ample time to repent of her folly. Her husband whipped and abused her from the beginning of their married life. The other girl was the most terribly disappointed mortal you could imagine. She went to the train to meet the man she had corresponded with when he arrived from the East and when he stepped from the cars wearing the red rose in his coat which was to identify him, he was the most cruelly deformed little man you could imagine. A hunch-back, half her size, and painfully ugly. The wedding supper was awaiting them and the wedding guests invited. The girl made the most of it and took him home with her. Is she happy? you ask. Well, you wouldn't think for a moment that she had ever had any joy in life to look at her.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

The Barking Cat.

"Physicians," said one of them, "are not mercenary. They could make oceans of money if they cared to stoop a little. But they remain upright. Look at the case of the barking cat."

"The barking cat?"

"Yes. Delarmel's barking cat. You know Delarmel, the French laryngologist? No?

"Well, Delarmel, to prove a certain allegation of his, operated on a cat's vocal cords and larynx in such a way as to cause the animal to bark like a dog. The singular freak attracted no great attention among scientists, but showmen from all parts of the world besieged Delarmel, imploring him to make barking cats for them.

"A cat furiously and hoarsely barking would be a strange, attractive sight and one that would prove a splendid drawing card for showmen. These men accordingly offered Delarmel sums from $100 up to $1,000 for barking cats. He could have sold undoubtedly 1,000 of them at $200 apiece. For the rest of his life he could have kept profitably employed at this work, buying ordinary cats for a dime or so and turning them out barkers as valuable as horses.

"Delarmel, though, would not stoop. He only made one barking cat, and that has been dead now for two years."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Liked the Kind.

She was a very pretty southern girl who was put on the train at Richmond to come to New York alone. A cold and reserved northerner of the masculine persuasion heard the girl's uncle give her careful directions about not speaking to strangers nor to get into a strange cab if her cousin didn't meet her, and in about two minutes the northerner knew all the details of the journey. The train was not more than an hour out of Richmond before the northerner was devoting himself to the pretty southerner, who seemed to be quite willing, and the journey was enlivened for them both. As the man was paying her his fiftieth extravagant compliment the girl gazed at him trustfully.

"Are all northern gentlemen as complimentary as you are, sir?"

"Oh, yes," said the northerner complacently, "and you'll find that the farther north you go the more devoted they are."

"Really?" she drawled. "Then I reckon the next time Peary starts for the pole I'll try to get to go too."

American Singers Abroad.

A few years ago a great question was raised in a daily paper, What shall we do with our girls? The Americans tried to solve it some years ago by sending them all to Paris to become prima donnas. They came over in shoals, and perhaps one in a million succeeded in becoming a superior chorus girl. I sometimes wonder how many I have met in drawing rooms and theaters and how many of them have succeeded in doing anything whatever. Probably the bulk of them drift back to those well known small cities, New York, Chicago and Boston, but to my knowledge there are dozens of them hanging on in a lonely way in the various opera houses of Europe. They live a miserable life, they dwell in wretched hotels or pensions, their voices being hopelessly broken they squeal three or four times a week, and in the end they marry or disappear no man knows where.—London Saturday Review.

Automatic Aid.

Dr. Laborde of the French Academy of Medicine has invented what he terms an automatic tongue tractor for use in cases of drowning. A padded forceps grasps the tongue and pulls it out at regular intervals through the operation of a small motor worked by a battery. It has been in use on some of the French bathing beaches the last season and has been reported a great success.

It is explained that life savers working over a patient tire of the work before hope should be abandoned, but that they are perfectly willing to watch the machine perform the work until restoration is restored.

Not Surprising.

Mamma—I'm surprised at you, Johnny. Johnny (thoughtfully)—I wonder if you'll ever get used to me, mamma. You're always surprised at me.

He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything.—Arabian Proverb.

NEW SHORT STORIES

Russell Sage as a Client.

Russell Sage has a horror of lawsuits. A clerk of Mr. Sage's said the other day:

"I sought out the chief one morning in his office. 'You remember, sir,' I said, 'my complaint against my wife's uncle?'

"'Yes,' he answered.

"'Well,' said I, 'the man is obdurate, and I think of bringing suit against him. What do you advise?'

"Mr. Sage, always interested in the welfare of his employees, was silent a moment, then he said:

"'Listen. When I was a clerk in Troy I had a case against a man that



"IT CAN'T LOSE?" SAID I.

seemed quite as good as yours. I visited a prominent lawyer, and I laid the whole matter before him in detail. When I was through he told me that he would be delighted to take the case; that it was a case that couldn't lose.'

"'It can't lose?' said I.

"'It can't lose,' he repeated.

"'I rose and took up my hat. I thanked the lawyer and told him that I wouldn't bring suit after all. And then I explained that it was my opponent's side and not my own which I had laid before him. Before bringing a lawsuit,' Mr. Sage concluded, 'it is a good plan first to lay your opponent's case before your lawyer as if it was your own.'"—Washington Post.

Big Scandal Vanishes.

The late Jed Spalding of Michigan, who weighed 350 pounds and stood six feet five in his socks, was one of the best jokers in the state. He had a brother-in-law in politics, whom he did not like very much, and consequently vigorously opposed his candidacy for mayor of Port Huron, Mich. One day while the campaign was at its height the ministers of the city held a meeting to decide which candidate to support. Jed happened to meet one of the pastors on the way to the meeting. This preacher was an aged Scotchman and somewhat hard of hearing. He told Spalding that he would do all he could to prevent the brother-in-law's indorsement and asked for a pointer or two for a speech. Spalding, ever ready for a joke, saw his chance and, pulling the pastor aside, shouted into his ear, "My brother-in-law is living with another man's sister."

"You don't tell me," the pastor said, and he hurried off to the meeting to spread the news among the ministers. He got the platform immediately and said:

"The Democratic candidate is a most wicked wretch. He is living with another man's sister. I have the word of his brother-in-law, Jed Spalding, for it."

Immediately the meeting was in an uproar. The mention of Jed Spalding was enough. The laughter became tumultuous, but the pastor didn't notice the mistake he had made until told that Jed Spalding himself was the "other man."

The President's Quick Perception.

"When the president got out of his carriage to enter the state capitol down in Raleigh the other day almost immediately in front of him stood a farmer of gigantic size," said J. H. Patterson of that city. "There was an immense crowd and much enthusiastic yelling, but this sturdy tiller of the soil outdid them all in vocal effort, and his stentorian hurrahs so rent the air that the president was vastly tickled.

"With his face wreathed in smiles, the chief executive made a little pause and, pointing his finger at the countryman, shouted: 'Aha, my friend! I've got you spotted, and I'll bet you are the best fox hunter in this country.' The 'little touch of nature that makes the whole world kin' was understood and appreciated by the vast throng, and the cheering that went up was terrific."—Washington Post.

Why Whittemore Was Sorry.

When the late Thomas Whittemore was pastor of a church in Cambridge the society persuaded him to have his portrait painted by Alvan Clark, father of the famous lens maker. When the portrait was finished, Mr. Whittemore was invited to call and see it, and Mr. Clark asked how he liked it.

After looking at it for some moments Mr. Whittemore said, "How do my parishioners like it?"

"They say it looks just like you," replied Mr. Clark.

"I am very sorry," said the old gentleman. And then, noticing a distressed look on Mr. Clark's face, he added, "Not sorry that it looks like me, but sorry that I look like the picture."—Boston Herald.

Trusts Versus Rings.

"What," queried the fair maid, "is the difference between a trust and a ring?"

"I'm afraid I cannot explain the difference in so many words," replied the young man in the case, "but if you'll put your trust in me I'll blow myself for the ring tomorrow."

And she put her trust in him.—Chicago News.

Policy consists in serving God in such a manner as not to offend the devil.—Fuller.

SHE HAD HER SAY.

A Girl's Revolt Against an Award of Valedictory Honors.

"I think the greatest shock I ever experienced and the biggest revolt against my discipline occurred when I was teaching in a country high school," said the schoolteacher. "It was in a school where the valedictory honor was awarded by popular vote of the school, a most unjust method, by the way, but one to which I was forced to succumb. The girl who received the most votes was by no means the best scholar, and the pupil who ranked highest in scholarship was plainly indignant.

"Every boy and girl in the class was obliged to write and read a graduation essay, and it was my task to look these essays over and aid in the rewriting of them. The pupil who ranked the highest in the class handed in her essay to me with some defiance, and in it I found some reference to the valedictory honor being rightly hers. I cut it out and told her plainly that nothing of that sort should go into her paper. She agreed to leave it out.

"The graduation exercises were passing off splendidly when it came her turn to read her essay. She had a facile way of writing, and I was proud of her, but when she reached what I knew was the conclusion she stepped forward a little and proceeded to deliver two pages of regulation valedictory. She bade farewell to the class, the school and the teachers, and of course we could not stop her. It took all the sails out of the chosen valedictorian, who followed, and after the exercises there was much wailing and hot words. We couldn't do a thing, as the sinner was now a graduate of the school, and we had no right to punish her, but it took me all summer to get over the effect of such a stunning performance."—New York Press.

Old Time Astronomers.

Kepler, the astronomer of the seventeenth century, explained rather quaintly why so many mediaeval astronomers were obliged to dabble in the occult sciences. "Ye overwise philosophers," he wrote to his "Tertius Interveniens," "ye censure this daughter of astronomy beyond her deserts. Know ye not that she must support her mother by her charms? The scanty reward of an astronomer would not provide him with bread, if men did not entertain hopes of reading the future in the heavens."

The Old Time Almanac.

An old minister in a Massachusetts town tells how implicitly the people of a generation ago trusted the weather predictions of the "Farmer's Almanac." One of his flock had died, and the pastor was consoling his widow. The subject of the funeral came up, and he asked when it was to be. "Walt, doctor," said she; "we must have it on a pleasant day." She hurriedly searched the almanac, and the day was set.

Express Not Failing.

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DEFINES THE RATE ISSUE CLEARLY.

The proposition that the Interstate Commerce Commission be clothed with power to revise existing rates as in their judgment from time to time is deemed advisable upon hearing is, in the public mind, very generally confused with quite a different question, namely the prevention of rebates, personal or corporate discrimination, and other illegal practices in manipulation of published rates.

It is not the suppression of rebates that is the issue, or the use of rates not published according to law, or wanton discrimination between persons and localities, or other practices of that character, for these are already amply provided against by the Interstate Commerce Act, supported by the Elkins Bill, as any one who takes the trouble to read them can readily discern. These laws are brief enough for all to read, and clear enough for all to understand with respect to these specific matters. As to them the railroads make no issue, but, on the contrary, welcome strong public sentiment against these things, for if the shipper, the merchant and the community individually and collectively stand with the railroads against such practices they must cease. It is not only competition between railroads; it is also competition between shippers and between communities which has produced many practices, and for them the railroads do not bear the blame alone. Railroads never pay rebates of their own volition.

It is proper to say that at no time in the history of the United States have its transportation interests been so free as they are to-day from practices of this character, and its commercial life so unrestrained by unfair discriminations. The laws upon this subject are as strict as they can be made; indeed, the Interstate Commerce Commission itself has conceded that. Yet it is surprising how many harbor the misapprehension that the proposed schemes of rate-regulation are for the purpose of preventing the practices alluded to. They quite forget the fact that it is one thing to make a rate, another thing to maintain the rate when made. It is just as easy illicitly to cut a rate made by the Interstate Commerce Commission as it is to cut one made by the General Freight Agent of any single road.—From an address by William Sproule before the Commonwealth Club of California.

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Franchise Time Extended

The time limit of the franchise granted to L. H. Boggs et al. for the construction of the Clear Lake and Lakeport Railway, having expired, the Board of Supervisors of this county granted an extension of six months; it being satisfactorily shown to them that Mr. Boggs had acted in good faith. It will be remembered that the District Attorney was ordered to collect the bond on this franchise and the Sonoma Valley electric franchise granted to O. C. Baldwin.

CITY TRUSTEES

All members were present at the regular meeting of the City Trustees Wednesday evening.

The following bills were ordered paid: A. Revieri, hauling gravel, $86.60; H. C. Lutgens, hauling gravel, $27.12½; Sonoma City Water Co., repairs, $8.50; A. C. Lutgens, services as architect, $150; L. H. Green, lumber, $24.07; S. C. Water Co., water, $15; Geo. Vincent, hauling gravel, $25.37; J. H. Hibertson, salary, $15; Mrs. J. A. Poppe, mdse., $1.60; W. Pooler, labor, $10.50; Chas. Togni, street sprinkling, $42 75; Jos. Angelina, labor, $12; Geo. Perasso, labor, $9; S. Valley Co., lights, $35; A. D. Basaglia, labor, $1; A. Gilardoni, license rebate, $12.50.

The motion to grant no more license rebates passed unanimously, and hereafter no one need ask for a rebate on any license, for it will not be granted.

Permission was granted the Sonoma Valley Co. to erect an arc lamp in the centre of Napa street, opposite Broadway.

Five dollars reward is offered by the Board for the arrest and conviction of any person for dumping garbage of any sort in the public streets or alleys of the City of Sonoma.

Fifty dollars more was allowed the street committee to be used in hauling gravel.

Wm. Rambo was unanimously elected City Recorder by the Board and will enter upon the discharge of his duties as soon as his bond is filed and approved. The appointment is a good one, as Mr. Rambo is a gentleman who will do his whole duty fearlessly and do all in his power to enforce the city ordinances.

A Board of health was appointed as follows: Wm. McElroy, S. Schocken, S. Ciucci, Dr. Thomson and Henry Weyl.

It is hoped that these gentlemen will qualify and enter upon the discharge of their important duties, as Sonoma is badly in need of a Board of Health that will see that the public health laws are obeyed.

Feb. 22nd, Washington's Birthday, was fixed as the time for laying the corner stone of the new City Hall. The Masonic Grade Lodge will be invited to perform the ceremony. There will also be literary exercises, an oration and a good time generally.

The Sonoma Valley Expositor will get out a special edition containing a profusely illustrated write up descriptive of the resources of Sonoma Valley. A leading feature will be a history of the great progress of the city and valley. This special edition will be published on Feb. 16, 1906, the last publication previous to the gaeat day.

The Board of Trustees will act as a committee of the whole to arrange for the celebration of the big event.

GETS SEVERE TREATMENT AT THE CHUTES IN SAN FRANCISCO

A number of your townspeople, who have visited the Chutes in San Francisco and observed the view from the top of the theatre, have doubtless noticed the Elaterite or Mastic with which the roof is covered. It was laid when the building was erected, nearly three years ago, and has been trampled upon by hundreds of people every day since. The extraordinary durability of this roofing is demonstrated by the fact that, in spite of the severe treatment it receives, it has not yet been impaired to any perceptible extent and is not only as good now as when it was laid, but is even more firmly set than before This is but one of the many instances where Elaterite or Mastic fills a want that nothing else can and substantiates the claim that this roofing does not wear out. Ask for samples and full information from Sam Meyer, Healdsburg, distributor for Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties, or A, W. Adler, Agent, Sonoma.

SUPERIOR COURT NOTES

In the matter of the estate of the late Attorney Leroy Vernon Hitchcock, Judge Seawell made an order authorizing the executors of the estate to sell at private sale a large number of blocks and lots of land in Red Bluff.

The motion and demurrer in the suit of Batchelor vs. Batchelor, were submitted.

The first annual account of the estate of Arzoia Lee Allman has been filed in the Superior Court, and the court is asked to allow the same. R. A. Poppe is the attorney for the estate.

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ENGINE BURNED.

About eleven o'clock Sunday night, New Year's Eve, the engine drawing the regular passenger train, C. N. R'y, caught fire in the round house at Glen Ellen. The engine wiper had finished his work and was returning home when the fire was discovered.

Four blasts of the whistle were soon given to call the trainmen, who naturally did not respond hurriedly, thinking it simply a new year's greeting, especially as the brick yard whistle began to toot at about the same time.

However the trainmen were presently on the scene and one of them jumped upon the engine and taking hold of the red hot throttle ran the burning engine out into the yard and thus saved the round house from destruction. The rail road boys and others worked like beavers to put out the fire but the cab was destroyed before the flames could be extinguished.

The Monday morning train was taken down by the freight engine stationed in the round house. An extra engine was sent up Monday. The damaged one, attached to the afternoon passenger train, was taken to the repair shop at Tiburon.

Outside the round house Phil Redmond of Santa Rosa the fireman of the locomotive, who had come to the conflagration as soon as the alarm was given, sprang into the burning cab to shut off the steam and prevent the locomotive running off the end of the turn table onto the ground. This effort to prevent the engine going off the track was unsuccessful, however, and the front wheels of the pony trucks ran off into the soft ground. It required three hours of hard work on the part of the railroad crew to get the engine back on the tracks ready for her regular trip.

Death of Myrtle A. Carriger

The deepest sympathy of the community goes out to the heart-broken parents of Myrtle A. Carriger, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Carriger, in their sad bereavement.

The bright and cheerful little girl passed away last Sunday evening at the home of her parents below town.

Up to a few weeks ago she was attending school, when she was taken down with inflammatory rheumatism which was followed by tonsilitis. As if this was not enough for the patient little sufferer, jaundice set in, and all that medical skill and kind nursing could do availed not.

The funeral took place from the Carriger residence at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives.

The following original verse has been contributed by a friend:

From the bright portals of
Paradise,
The Angel of Death stepped forth
one night;
She knew a fair flower on earth
at home,
The angels wished to call their
own,
And to Heaven above, up the
Golden Stair,
She carried dear Myrtle, so
young, so fair.

It is a good time of the year to lay cement walks. They are the cheapest and best in the end. Wm. Trudgen does that work properly and at a reasonable price. Consult him. Consultation free. *

Suit Against Cummings Dismissed.

After all serious and sensational charges against M. E. Cummings in the Batchelor case and after many long delays, all the allegations come to naught.

L. D. Batchelor, through his attorney, voluntarily went into the Superior Court on Tuesday morning and asked that the whole case be dismissed.

This will be good news to Mr. Cummings many friends here and all over the state as it will serve to confirm the high esteem in which he is held, Mr. Cummings' reputation as a gentleman of integrity and a high sense of honor is well established with all who know him.

The courts readily granted the request for dismissal. A, B. Ware, Esq., of Santa Rosa was the defendant's attorney.

New Year's Ball

The ball given by the Woman's Club in Union Hall last Monday, was fairly well attended. It proved a very enjoyable affair. About $15 was realized after paying all expenses.

25 per cent. off on Jackets.—RACKET.

Modern Advertising.

Nowadays everybody advertises if they expect trade. Those who do not cannot expect to keep up with the times. The reporter of this paper recently interviewed the well known firm, the Dake Advertising Agency, Inc., of San Francisco, which is said to be one of the largest, best equipped, and most efficient advertising agencies in existence, as to how they made a success of every body's business, and by way of opening up the subject, inquired if there was not some lines that could not be profitably advertised. "Hardly," was the reply, "as for instance, we have a client that spends a lot of money every year in advertising just one of their lines of goods. They deal in almost everything from a needle to an anchor, but they advertise—overalls. The advertising creates a big demand for the overalls, though all the overalls they sell in one year don't pay for the advertising. But the merchants who have had to stock the overalls to supply the demand created by the advertising, also buy from other lines that this firm deals in—and—they buy heavily. That's where the advertising pays—and pays big. Newspaper advertising can be made to pay, if you go at it right. Going at it right means using good judgment. You can't expect big returns from a small outlay—but you can expect returns in proportion to your outlay. We are specialists in the 'use of good judgment.' We have made and are making newspaper advertising pay for more than two hundred of the biggest firms west of Chicago. We can make it pay anyone. We do a big business—buy space in papers all over the land—our clients find that advertising pays. We originate write and illustrate good, forceful advertisements. We know the papers that pay the advertisers best in any locality. We don't have to advise them to do anything because we need their money. It pays us better in the long run to make advertising pay them, and we have money enough of our own to live on in the long run.

Published in the San Francisco Trade Journal.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Jubilee Incubators enjoy a national reputation for good results. They are made to last, work uniformly, and are always reliable. Read their new ad in this issue.

Ex-Convict Captured.

Constable Joe Ryan has added another to his long list of clever captures. Late Monday evening he had occasion to go in the back of Union Stables to look after a horse, when he discovered a man in one of the stalls. As he looked like a wanted-one to Joe, he was led to talk freely and when the officer was satisfied that he was a guilty party, he was told to "cough-up."

He did and the gold watch stolen at the cement works at Napa Junction was handed over to the constable. The man gave his name as Chas. Whitney and admitted having served four terms in the state prison, aggregating fourteen years.

He was given a bed in the city prison. A Napa Co. officer came over Tuesday and took the prisoner back to the county where the crime was committed.

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A pamphlet has come into our hands fram San Francisco under the above heading that proves almost indisputably that the long sought cure for Bright's Disease and Diabetes has been found. It deals so frankly and exhaustively with the question that we have laid it aside to loan to those afflicted. People who have relatives with either of these heretofore fatal diseases ought certainly to see it.

THE EDITOR

Satisfactory, substantial work at reasonable prices brings business That is why Wm. Trudgen the stone mason, is so busy at the present time. Call and see him. *

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SUMMONS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and for the County of Sonoma. No. 636.

vs.

EVA E. NICHOLS, Defendant.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, and the complaint filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County of Sonoma. Robert A. Poppe, Sonoma, Cal., Attorney for Plaintiff.

The People of the State of California send greeting to Eva E. Nichols, defendant:

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or he will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

(SEAL) Given under my hand and the seal of the said Superior Court this 25th day of October, 1905.

F. L. WRIGHT, County Clerk.

By L. A. PRESSLEY, Deputy Clerk.

SUMMONS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and for the County of Sonoma.

JOHN B JACKSON, Plaintiff

vs.

MARY E. JACKSON, Defendant

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, and the Complaint filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County of Sonoma. J. T. Campbell and Ross Campbell, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

The People of the State of California send greeting to Mary E. Jackson, Defendant:

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or he will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

(SEAL) Given under my hand and the seal of the said Superior Court, this 30th day of October, 1905.

F. L. WRIGHT, County Clerk.

By L. A. PRESSLEY, Deputy Clerk.

SUMMONS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma. No. 617.

MAE BUTLER, Plaintiff

vs.

CHARLES A. BUTLER, Defendant

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, and the complaint filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County of Sonoma.

The People of the State of California send greeting to Charles A. Butler, defendant:

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, as arising upon contract, or she will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Superior Court this 27th day of September, 1905.

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By J. W. FORD, Deputy Clerk

CLARENCE F. LEA, Santa Rosa, Cal., Attorney for Plaintiff

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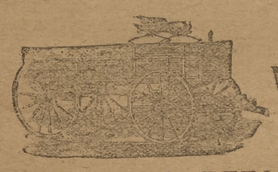
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Corrected and Explained

Editor Sonoma Expositor—

In a recent issue of the Sonoma Index an article appeared stating what purported to be the facts in the case of Hardman vs. Vincent.

The whole story, as told in that publication, is false and intended to create a bad impression. The facts are these:

Mr. Hardman and Mr. Vincent had some discussion over the settlement of an account.

Before the matter was decided, the latter moved to Sonoma where he secured employment hauling gravel for the city.

In course of time a warrant for $66.50 was drawn in his favor in payment for his services.

This he transferred to A. Pinelli, which amount more than paid a small bill for hay and the use of a wagon.

Mr. Vincent being an honest man, and desiring to square all indebtedness against him, employed Lawyer Sprague to go to Mr. Hardman with a proposition looking toward a settlement. Mr. Hardman, however, did not agree to the proposition, but attached the warrant in question and a suit followed.

Mr. Vincent never owed Mr. Pinelli anything for board and lodging, and both gentlemen are naturally incensed at what they term lies, that have been told about them.

Since coming to the valley I have learned that such stories are common with that publication.

I write this in justice to an honest, hard working man, striving to make a living for his family, as I hate to see an unjust and unwarranted attack upon an honest man's character go unnoticed.

By giving this space in your paper, you will greatly oblige one who wants to hear the truth.

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New Phones

The Rural Telephone Company of this valley are busy putting in a consignment of phones that arrived last week. Now is the time to order a phone. Leave your order at Lutgens' early and get your name on the new directory.

Lost His Hand

Emil Mines, a young man who was formerly employed in Poulson's blacksmith shop here, was hurt in the machine shops at Sacramento recently. He crushed his hand so badly that it had to be amputated.

GLEN ELLEN LETTER

The following items came too late for publication last week:—

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 23, the Congregational Sunday School held their Christmas festivities in Mayflower Hall. A fine tree bore fruit for all the scholors and many small hearts were made happy.

The Ladies Aid Society presented Miss Maud Miner with two handsome gold hat pins, in acknowledgement of her services as Treasurer of the Society.

There was quite a turn out on Christmas morning at the Catholic Church, to witness the marriage of Mr. Antone Cereghino and Miss Margaret Frediger.

At about 3 o'clock P. M. nearly everyone in town assembled at the C. N. Station with the usual quantity of rice, old shoes, etc., I believe there was enough rice wasted to last an ordinary family a year. In order to avoid any more publicity the newly wed left the C. N. train at Eldridge and walked over to the S. P. Station, but their plans proved all in vain, for some of the young folks had got wind of their intention and were on hand at Madrone with more rice, thus calling the attention of the passengers to the fact that a bridal couple were aboard.

Such is life in the far west, I have often rejoiced that I have never been obliged to pass through such an ordeal, it must be worse than riding the most obstreperous goat at an initiation.

ALPHA

W. O. W. ATTENTION

All members are urgently requested to attend the regular meeting next Monday evening, January 8. Initiation and other important business.

L. H. Green, Sec'y,

LOCAL ITEMS

Write it "1906."

J. M. McGimsey and Dr. Gottenberg had business in San Francisco on Wednesday.

P. Lorenzi and son went to San Francisco Wednesday morning.

S. Lewis is slowly recovering from an attack of la grippe.

Stone work is cheaper than wood in the end and less expensive to keep in repair. See Wm. Trudgen for stone, cement or Cemetery work of any kind.

Harry Tenny and Billy Snailham have been matched to fight before a Sacramento club this month.

Miss J. Caminata was up from San Francisco on a visit with home folks the fore part of the week.

S. Schocken has been very sick with an attack of la grippe. He is now much improved.

P. Basaglia has just completed laying 56 feet of cement sidewalk in front of the Sonoma House.

¼ off on Furs, RACKET

Chas. Marcy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Marcy, spent a few days this week with home folks here.

Wm. Becker was a well known visitor here on Sunday and Monday.

Jas. McHale has secured a position with Mr. Richards at Agua Caliente.

Mr. and Mrs. Rossi of El Verano have both been quite sick but are much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zane and children of Davisville, spent New Year's at the home of Claude Johnson.

Miss Emily Jones, formerly of Sonoma, is visiting friends in Sonoma.

Miss Nellie Gordenker, a former popular school girl of Sonoma, who recently graduated from the California Woman's Hospital as a trained nurse, was the guest of Miss Hazel Gies on New Year's day.

Miss Levy is the guest of Miss Eda Gillan.

Miss Jessie Miller of Berkeley, daughter of Admiral Merrill Miller, U. S. Navy, is visiting Miss Mabel Hawke.

Hats reduced—RACKET

Jas. C. O'Rourke transacted business in Santa Rosa on Wednesday.

L. D. Batchelor of San Francisco, was a visitor to Sonoma on Monday.

The mail order poultry supply house of the Jubilee Incubator Company, Sunnyvale, Calif., offers opportunity for all our poultrymen to purchase all necessary foods and supplies for poultry at the very lowest spot cash prices. This company's plant is located on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad and is without doubt the largest and most up-to-date plant of it's kind in the west. The Jubilee Company is able to make prompt shipment of all supplies necessary to the modern poultryman, they have recently issued a magnificently illustrated catalogue which they call "The Jubilee Book." It consists of 800 pages illustrating and describing the well known Jubilee Incubators and Brooders and the Jubilee brands of poultry supplies. It is sent free upon request. The Jubilee Company guarantees it's goods. Money-making qualities. Money saving prices. Send for the "Jubilee Book."

Mrs. Clewe went to San Francisco this morning for a brief visit.

Mrs. R. E. Murphy took this morning's train for San Rafael, where she will be joined by her husband and together they will proceed to Nimpona for a week's stay with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Root (nee Andrews), the latter being an aunt of Mrs. Wm. Durant, are enjoying a visit at the Durant home at Agua Caliente.

Miss Doris Clewe is the guest of San Francisco friends.

Mr. Graves, a prominent business man of Oakland, had business in Sonoma yesterday, as one of the appraisers of the Leiding estate.

Wm. Clewe left Wednesday on a trip to Portland, Or., and other points of interest in the northwest.

The regular meeting of Temple Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M. will be held next Tuesday evening. The installation of officers will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Equi, during the holidays

Mrs. Chas. Cheney and children, are the guests of relatives in Sonoma valley.

Architect A. C. Lutgens of San Francisco, had business in Sonoma this week.

GLEN ELLEN LETTER

"Leaf by leaf the roses fall"

Another week has gone by—Another year ushered in—Another Glen Ellen girl led to the Hymenal Altar Soon there will be no marriageable girls left in this community, for rumors upon rumors reach our ears of engagements on the tapis, and weddings to take place in the near future. It is small wonder the Glen Ellen girls win husbands. For where is there another small town that can show so many handsome girls? It must be in the air of this place. for even among the middle aged matrons we have some fine specimens of womanhood.

New Year's was ushered in here by a small fire at the C. N. round house which was soon extinguished. but not before it put one of the engines out of commission by burning the cab. If the engineer, fireman and conductor are kept as busy during the next twelve months as they were during the first few hours of the new year, they will have rather a strenous time of it.

We are considering the advisibility of getting the rain maker to come over this way and give us a little moisture in place of these hard dry frosts which are destroying all our plants, and keeping the grass so low, that the cattle look half starved.

The members of the Improvement Club, failed to materialise on their last meeting day on account of the inclemency of the weather. They were to have nominated officers for the insuing year. However, they don't seem to worry as the men do, over the elections--as they are not looking for "graft." The nomination will now be held on Jan. 13 for luck.

Mrs. L. V. Emdaran spent several days last week with her son at the Mervyn.

Miss Pearl Allen went to Vallejo on Saturday last. to visit her friend Mrs. Shade and attend a New Year's party at that place.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brand in Glen Ellen was the scene of a very pretty wedding Sunday at noon when their daughter Miss Eleczene Brand, became the bride of Bert R. Philpott of Windsor. A large company of friends had gathered to witness the exchange of the nuptil vows, among them being friends and relatives from Santa Rosa, Windsor and other places.

The home had been prettily arranged for the event and the decorations were pretty and appropriate. After the ceremony and congratulations, the company were led to the dining room by the bride where a fine wedding breakfast was served. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful wedding presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Philpott will make their home in Windsor where the gentleman is employed by the California Northwestern.

The happy couple left on an afternoon train, having been duly riced and the usual number of old shoes thrown for good luck. They endeavored to put the public off their track by driving to El Verano and taking the S. P. train to Ramal where they boarded the down train from Napa. I have not learned how they fared after this, but persume they were not permitted to journey in peace and abscurity. As I understand some of the R. R. men have a placard bearing the legend, "We are just married" of which they make use on such occasions.

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Death of Mrs Payne

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Y. Y.

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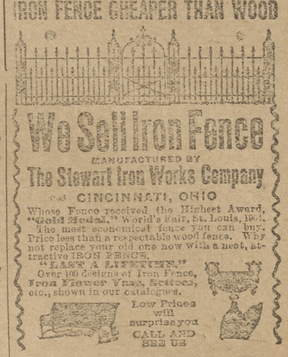
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The FINGER OF GOD

By William Beatty

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"No," said Pitullo, in a tone of conviction, "it wouldna."

"Not do!" faintly ejaculated the laird, "and why not?"

"Weel, ye see, laird," volunteered Pitullo, with a sort of grim satisfaction, "it's this way. Not having been sae friendly to us as ye micht, it would hardly serve to set ye ashore now—ye ken ower muckle."

"But if I gave you my word to forget both you and your trade?" questioned the laird.

The Dutchman shook his head skeptically, and Pitullo laughed.

"We had better leave it to the lads," suggested the latter.

"Ja, de lads will seddle it," nodded Jan.

"Aye, aye, the lads will seddle it," mockingly echoed the smuggler as, without a word of preface, he proceeded, regardless of expostulation, to tie the captive hand and foot.

"Safe bind, safe bind," he grinned as he turned on his heel and followed Jan.

For half an hour after that the unfortunate man was left to himself and the noises of the night. At intervals between the swelling of the sheets and the creaking of the cordage he could hear the clatter of the glasses and the argle-bargling of angry men, at which last, the contention growing stronger with the drink, a terrible fear oppressed him. He realized that he was in the hands of reckless, lawless men, who bore him little love, and he trembled, for he felt that their decision regarding his disposal would be guided by considerations of self interest rather than by the dictates of humanity.

And his conviction on that head was only too fully borne out when presently the whole crew of smugglers came stumbling upon deck.

"Well," asked the laird, his voice shaking as even a brave man's will at times, "have you settled the matter?"

"We have, laird," nodded Dick Pitullo, who had evidently been deputed by the rest to acquaint him with their decision. "We've settled it. Ye maun either join us or gang quietly ower the side."

CHAPTER II.

THE callous abruptness with which the fellow gave forth his speech chilled the listener's blood, so that for a moment or two he was unable to speak.

"Impossible!" he gasped.

"It's the truth, though," insisted Pitullo. "It's either a bit shot to your heels or—the ither thing. Is't no, lads?"

"Aye, aye," chorused the smugglers.

"But my wife, man?" groaned the laird.

"Mak your mind easy on that score, laird," answered Pitullo, with a coarse laugh. "Whether ye droon or turn free trader, she'll be a widow a' the same. Isna that so, Jan?"

"Dot's so," returned the Dutchman.

"So ye'd better mak the best o' a bad job," counseled Pitullo. "Are ye for a drink o' the German ocean or a stoup o' Hollands?"

Face to face with such a terrible and pressing alternative, the Laird of Drum was not the kind of man to hesitate in his choice.

"Well," said he bitterly, "as I am powerless to help myself I submit. I don't see, though, what good I can be to you."

"Oh, mair than ye think, laird. For ae thing ye'll hae an opportunity glen ye for reflection, and time to resolve on a better way o' leevin'," answered Pitullo—parodying the very speech delivered him by the laird at his trial—chuckling savagely the while, as if he promised himself much gratification in paying off, in a fashion of his own, the grudge he bore the man.

Whereupon, having unbound the laird and led him below, he left him there to attend to the wound on his head or drown his cares in drink as he thought fit.

"I t'ink it would have been better to drop him over de side," grumbled Jan, as the smuggler came on deck.

"Aye, aye, but then ye are not of my way of thinkin', Jan," answered Pitullo viciously. "I owe the man a grudge and will pay it in my ain way. If ye are feared he'll win aff and blow on us, ye can mak your mind easy on that score. He'll never win back to Drum; or if he does, he'll gang back as hardened and devil-may-care a blackguard as the worst of us."

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It was somewhere between the islands of Guernsey and Jersey and France that a small packet bound to the port of Falmouth had the misfortune one dark night to meet with an experience only too common in earlier days—common enough on the high seas, that is, but of rare occurrence so near such a busy highway as the British channel. The packet was sailing along easily before a steady and a favoring breeze when suddenly out of the blackness loomed the dark hull and ghostly sails of a strange craft.

"Ahoy, there," hailed the unknown. "What vessel is that?"

"The Dispatch of Falmouth," roared back the captain, "and curse you for a set of landlubbers! Where are your lights?"

"Heave to, or I'll sink you," came back over the waters.

"That's rather peremptory, is it not?" questioned a young man who had been walking the deck with the skipper.

"My God!" gasped the captain, a startled look of horrified recognition shooting out from under his brows as he peered ahead.

"What's the matter?" inquired his companion.

"It's Jack the Batchelor," groaned the captain.

"But who the dickens is"—

But another and more imperative hail from the black craft caused him to pause.

"My God!" murmured the captain, wiping the sweat from his brow. "So near home; it's fiendish—neither to be able to fight or run." And he kicked in his anger and despair a small brass cannon standing by. "She could outsail us easily, and there's never an ounce of powder aboard for a signal."

"Zounds!" exclaimed the young man, as he saw the stranger's ports go up. "She's showing her teeth. What's the meaning of that?"

"Aye, aye," answered the captain in reply to another hail. Then, having sung out his orders to bring his vessel up to the wind, he turned to the young fellow and said:

"It means, lad, that if you want to save your mother and sister you must do as I bid you, for in another ten minutes I doubt if there will be a man of us alive to tell our end. Listen. Get your mother and sister up at once. When we wear round place them in the forward boat. You can do that without being seen by those aboard that craft there. Once they are in, lower away and push off into the darkness."

"But you, captain?" said the young man, in some agitation.

"Never heed for me, lad; mind the women," returned the captain. "We'll do our best. If we come out all right, we'll pick you up."

Then, having wrung the young fellow's hand and hurried him below, he went forward to his crew and bade them prepare for the worst.

"Lads," said he, "we have fallen foul of that villain, Jack the Batchelor. I know his craft well, for I have seen it often at Naples. A more bloodthirsty hound than he does not sail the sea. We are few against many, and, short of our lives, he may have what he asks. But if he offers violence, remember you are Britons."

Whereupon, arming himself with a handspike, he awaited, together with his crew similarly appointed, the approach of the boarders.

For a space there was nothing to be heard in the quietness of the night but the grating of the rowlocks and the regular dip of the oars, the idle flapping of the ship's sail and the shrill whistling of the air through the rigging.

At length, however, the noise of a boat scraping alongside warned the captain of the Dispatch that the crisis was at hand. With a quick sign he bade the men at the forward boat davits to lower away. The boat was barely out of sight when the first of the rowers gained the deck.

From that moment, indeed, until the captain had delivered up whatever money he had—and, unfortunately, he carried a good sum—little time was lost. Business in these waters was too precarious to allow of procrastination and too dangerous to permit of mercy.

As soon as the spoil was stowed away in the boat the butchery the captain had anticipated began. There was never a word said, never a shot fired—it was a hand to hand struggle, the knife or the cutlass or a pitch over the side did the work. For a time the captain fought on with the courage of despair, but at length, feeling himself begin to weaken, he was on the point of jumping overboard, preferring rather to drown than have his throat cut, when he saw that which stayed his purpose and gave him the strength of a madman.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

HEART OF LOUIS XIV.

How It Came to Be Buried In Westminster Abbey.

A remarkable story regarding the heart of Louis XIV. and how it came to be buried in Westminster abbey was told in London Truth by Henry Labouchere, who said the story was told to him by the late Colonel Harcourt and was confirmed by his brother, the late Sir William Harcourt. A Harcourt who lived during the first French revolution had many connections in France and invited many of the emigres to visit him. Among them was the canon of St. Denis. On leaving the canon expressed his thanks for the kindly hospitality of his host and produced from his pocket something that looked like a piece of dried leather an inch or so long, which he presented to him. "I was," he said, "in the cathedral when the royal tombs were broken open and the contents scattered to the winds. This heart is that of Louis XIV. It was kept in a separate receptacle, and I managed to get away with it." The heart thus came into the possession of the Harcourt family and was occasionally produced for the inspection of visitors as a curiosity. The late Dr. Buckland, dean of Westminster, was on a visit when it was brought out for his inspection. He was then very old and had some reputation as a man of science, and the scientific spirit moved him to wet his finger and rub it on the heart. He put the finger to his mouth after that, and before he could be stopped he put the heart into his mouth and swallowed it, whether by accident or design will never be known. Very shortly afterward he died and was buried in Westminster abbey. It is impossible he could ever have digested the thing. Consequently the heart of Louis XIV. must now be reposing in Westminster abbey inclosed in the body of an English dean.

Black Hair Strongest.

Black hair is stronger than golden tresses and will sustain almost double the weight. Recently a German scientist has been experimenting and has found that it is possible to suspend a weight of four ounces by a single hair, provided the hair be black. Blond hair will give way at varying weights, dependent upon the exact tint. A yellow hair will scarce support two ounces, a brown will hold up three without breaking, while a very dark brown will sustain an additional half ounce.

The greater vitality of the black hair is declared to be the reason for the preponderance of blond bald heads, and, according to this experimenter, a person with jet black hair will still enjoy a full growth while the blond will have been bald for seven and a half years.

Hard Luck.

"Las' night I dreamed I died an' went ter heaben," said Took. "St. Peter met me at de gate, an' I ax him ef I could come in. He sez he hatter weigh me 'ginst mah sins fus', an' wid dat he git out a big pair ob balunces an' put me in one pan an' a great big bag in de udder. De bag outweigh me way yondah, so he sez I can't come in. I ax him foh ter tell me whut's in dat bag, an' he bus' it open fo' me. Well, suh, it wuz plumb full ob watahmillions an' chickens! An' I sez, sez I, 'Ef yo'll leabe mah sins out yere wid me,' sez I, 'I won't ax ter come in.' Sez he, 'All right.' But, doggone mah skin, I wake up 'fo' I could git ter dem t'ings!"—Judge.

WONDERS OF SLEEP.

The Effects of Slumber Upon the Brain and the Heart.

"Shakespeare," said a scientist, "called sleep the ape of death. That is a striking name for a striking thing. Sleep is a wonderland. Let us explore it.

"Self hypnotism is a mysterious force that we can exercise on ourselves in sleep alone. We are all self hypnotists. We all, on certain nights, tell ourselves firmly that we must not oversleep, that the next morning—at 4, at 5 or 6 precisely—we must wake up. And we do wake up. Our sleeping selves respond to the hypnotic suggestion made the night before by our waking selves. That is mysterious and striking, isn't it? Still more mysterious and striking, though, is the fact of our keeping track of the time somehow in our slumber. How on earth do we do this?

"It is impossible to do without sleep. Men have slept standing, walking, even running. They have slept in battle, under fire, with guns roaring on all sides. They have slept in unendurable and deadly pain.

"There is no torture equal to that which the deprivation of sleep entails. The Chinese are the cruelest folk on earth and the most ingenious of torturers. Well, the Chinese place the deprivation of sleep at the head of their torture list.

"Sleep is a state of rest. The heart rests in sleep. The heart is a rhythmic muscle, not one that never reposes, but one that works at short shifts, like a puddler, a moment on, a moment off. Well, when we sleep the heart's shifts of rest are redoubled. It works, then, one on, two off, getting, indeed, pretty nearly as much repose as we do.

"The brain in sleep becomes pale and sinks below the level of the skull. When we are awake the brain is high and full and ruddy.

"Not only the brain and heart, but even the tear glands, rest in sleep. That is why when we awake we always rub out eyes. The rubbing is an instinctive action that stimulates the stagnant tear glands and causes them to moisten properly our eyes, all dried from their inaction."—Buffalo News.

Hard to Trace.

"Excuse me, sir, but you have taken my umbrella."

"But this umbrella has my initials on it."

"I can't help that, sir. You will have to see the man who gave it to me."

"Where did he get it?"

"He said it was loaned to him by a friend who has since moved away."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Youthful Ambition.

A little lad was asked the other day what he intended to be when he grew up. He pondered over it for awhile. "I won't be a sailor," he said, "because I might be drowned, and I won't be a soldier, because I might be shot. I think I will be a skeleton in a museum."

THE ENGLISH PARLIAMENT.

Why Its Houses Were Built Upon the River Bank.

Wellington once declared that the most exciting moment of his life was not in any of his great battles, but that in which he had to forbid William IV. to attend a public banquet in the city during a time of great national excitement. Of the millions of people who every year see the English houses of parliament, how many imagine that their position was determined by strategic considerations? No one nowadays can think of the palace of Westminster in any other position than that which it occupies. But when the old houses were burned down and the task of rebuilding faced there was a proposition to establish them on or near the site of St. James' palace. Wellington resolutely put down his foot on the proposal.

The site suggested, its advocates pointed out, would be better as regards centrality and convenience than any other. But to the argument of the duke there could then be no answer. "With a vast and growing population, such as yours in London," he said, "you must never make it possible that you can be surrounded. You must build your houses of parliament upon the river, so that the means of ingress and egress are safe and that the populace cannot exact their demands by sitting down around you." Sir William Fraser, in whose memoirs the story is recalled, mentioned it to Napoleon III. just before the death of the latter. "What wisdom!" he said. "What wisdom!" And it set him musing upon the different turn which the history of France might have taken if in other ways as great precautions had been observed in his own case.—St. James' Gazette.

The Paddy Bird.

One of the best known of feathered creatures in India is the paddy bird. A traveler says of him: "The paddy bird is not afflicted with shyness. He is far too lazy to be disturbed by the approach of human beings. So confiding is he that the natives of India call him the blind heron. I once saw one of these birds standing motionless at the water's edge within ten feet of a grunting, perspiring washerman, who was dashing some clothes to pieces against a stone in a dirty duck pond. That is the way washing is done in India. Neither individual took the least notice of the other."

The Bishop and the Senator.

A visiting bishop in Washington was arguing with a senator on the desirability of attending church. At last he put the question squarely, "What is your personal reason for not attending?"

The senator smiled in a no-offense-intended way as he replied, "The fact is, one finds so many hypocrites there."

Returning the smile, the bishop said: "Don't let that keep you away, senator. There's always room for one more."—Philadelphia Post.



JOHN R. HEGEMAN.

John Rogers Hegeman, who recently admitted that he had made large sums as a participant in syndicates dealing with the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, is president of the company and has been connected with it since 1866. He became its president in 1891, is a director in many other corporations and is a very rich man. He is a native of New York city and is sixty-one years of age.

ACTION OF THE RAIN.

The Wonderful Factor It Is In the Disintegration of Rocks.

The rain falling on the rocks sinks into every crack and crevice, carrying with it into these fissures surface material which has been degraded by the weather and thus affording a matrix sufficient to start the growth of vegetation and afterward to maintain the plants. The fibers and roots of these plants, bushes and trees thus brought into life, growing and expanding, act as wedges to split up the surface of the rock and to commence the process of wearing away. From this quality of destruction a large class of plants derive the name of saxifrages, or rock breakers, from their roots penetrating into the minute fissures in search of water and so assisting in the process of disintegration. In winter the water collected in the hollows and crevices becomes frozen and, expanding as it changes into ice, acts like a charge of blasting material in breaking up the rock. The pieces thus detached become further disintegrated by frost and weather and, being rolled over and over and rubbed against each other as they are carried away down the mountain torrents, are ground gradually smaller and smaller till from fragments of rock they become bowlders, then pebbles and finally sand. As the mountain stream merges into the river the pebbles and coarse sand continue to be rolled along the bottom of the channel, while the ragillaceous particles and salts become mingled with the water and flow on with it either in suspension or solution.

While this disintegrating process is going on inland the rocks and cliffs on the coast exposed to the sea are suffering degradation by a similar process and are also being worn away by the incessant action of the waves of the ocean beating on them and attacking them not only with the impact of the water, but also with the fragments broken off, which, dashed against the face from which they have eroded, are thus used as implements of destruction.

LIFE IN PENANG.

The Misery and the Discomforts of the Rainy Season.

A resident of Penang thus describes the rainy season there: "Our rains have set in with all their attendant comforts and discomforts, and they make one feel something like Robinson Crusoe when he made up the list of his blessings and evils. The planters are all rejoicing and are putting out their seedlings and cuttings and generally doing all they should do. The bullocks are beginning to fill out those ugly hollows between their ribs and about their flanks, for the grass on their limited pastures is growing rich and rank, and these patient, half starved beasts profit by it. Our trees have all put on new coats of brilliant green, and the whole place wears a newly washed appearance, very comforting after the dusty, dry season in which our soup tastes gritty and a piece of bread and butter seems to have had a bit of sandpaper glued on the butter side. But even our rains have their disadvantages.

"When I come home, thoroughly wet and disgusted with everything, and go to bed immediately after dinner, the roof commences to leak, and I have to get out and shift the bed. I interview the landlord in the morning, and he tells me roofs can't be repaired in the rain and that in all probability as soon as the tiles swell the roof will become water tight of its own accord. That doesn't cure either my lumbago or rheumatism, and when I take my bath I discover we are on the Ader Itam water service and have to bathe in pea soup.

"I mention the fact to the municipal president over a stengah at the club, and he says, 'My dear boy, I'm on the same service and have been combing mud out of my hair for a week.' This doesn't make me feel any cleaner. The lizards on the ceiling are waxing fat from the insects which are driven into the house by the rain, and I notice that the soup at dinner seems to have more body in it from the same cause. This does not improve my temper."—Chicago News.

Dared the Storm

Aeronauts Took Chances on an Ascent In a Tempest.

Their Experience Was a Wild One and They Came Near Being Dashed Into the Ocean Near a Rocky Coast.

Comte Henry de la Vaulx, the well known French aeronaut, has had many and various adventures in his day, but his latest one smacks somewhat of vaudeville. He and another aeronaut, M. Jaubert, went to Algeria to see the last eclipse of the sun and to take observations from their balloon, the Centaure. The trip was most successful, and some very interesting scientific data were secured. The trouble came after. When the aeronauts made their



"EACH OF US CLUNG FOR LIFE TO THE SIDE OF THE CAR."

descent the natives, thinking the aerial monster had something to do with the eclipse, were at first disposed to give its passengers a hostile reception, but in the end they overcame their fear and aided the voyagers from the clouds to anchor. When Comte de la Vaulx and his companion had made everything fast they went off in search of something to eat, leaving their photographic apparatus slung up to the rigging of the balloon. "The natives," the aeronaut, "are so ignorant and superstitious that they will be afraid to touch our cameras." But the native has a very strong propensity for thieving, and so soon as he had come to the conclusion that there was nothing supernatural about the balloon or its passengers he began to look for plunder. It did not take him long to find it. The result was that when the aeronauts returned to the Centaure they found it stripped of its photographic apparatus. The natives had stolen all the instruments, and, although the count tried to frighten them by telling them that in case of inexpert handling they would "go off" with terrible consequences, he might as well have saved himself the trouble. The instruments were not returned.

What Comte de la Vaulx himself describes as the most thrilling of his experiences was the so called "concours de tempete," which took place on Aug 26, 1900, when he started in the Horizon, inflated with 3,300 cubic meters of gas, with a number of other balloons, in the midst of a tremendous storm.

"The experiment," he afterward said "was exceedingly dangerous, and everybody urged that the balloons had better wait till the storm was over. But as Commander Renard, who represented the committee of the Paris exposition, was absent and was replaced by Louis Codard the latter refused to admit or any delay and said that he would not take upon himself the responsibility of calling off the competition. I started with MM. Oudet and Lepic, whom I had vainly tried to persuade to remain upon the ground, about 7 o'clock in the evening. Several of the balloons that had started before me were dashed against the trees, and the vast crowd assembled feared a catastrophe at every moment. The Horizon set off, happily without striking any obstacle, and we were borne westward by a furious gale. The night was dark. Our pace was from fifty to sixty miles an hour, and at 9:30 we were already in sight of the lighthouse of La Heve.

"We expected to be dashed out to sea, when suddenly a strange caprice of the wind carried us south, and for awhile we hoped to keep away from the coast. But soon after we again saw lights at Avranches and the heavy surge along the coast, and the sound of the waves roaring and dashing against the rocks reached our ears. My companions grew pale, and I must say I myself gave up everything for lost, for to land among these rocks meant certain death for us all, and out to sea we could only expect short shrift in such a howling tempest. I felt only one satisfaction, that I had not willingly undertaken such a foolhardy exploit, the only one in which I ever incurred serious danger and that another was responsible. In another instant we were over the sea, with immense billows rolling below. My companions remained silent, and we all expected the worst. But happily luck again favored us.

"In the distance we perceived lighthouses and the dark outlines of the coast, toward which we seemed to be returning. It was 1 o'clock. The balloon sped along rapidly, and when I thought we were again over dry land I let a bottle fall. I heard it with relief strike the ground distinctly, and I knew we were saved. I pulled at once for all I was worth on the escape valve, and in another moment our anchor struck the ground. But the race that ensued was terrific. We were jolted and hustled about in our basket, a distance of over a mile, in the darkness, striking against branches of trees and each of us holding on to the car for dear life. At last the anchor caught firmly in a tree, and the balloon itself was dashed into a grove, where the silk was torn and the car landed beside a hedge. We had indeed a narrow escape, and I should not like to repeat the attempt."

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